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Plan leaves rural Wisconsin behind

Dear Editor,

I am concerned about a proposal for the Universal Service Fund under consideration by the FCC that would severely limit high-speed wireless broadband expansion in rural communities in favor of outdated landline technology.

Under the proposal, rural Wisconsin could lose out on up to \$208 million that would be used for new mobile wireless broadband sites and infrastructure over the next 10 years. Future mobile broadband cell sites in Highland and Rewey, in particular, could be in jeopardy.

Wireless broadband is essential to our economic recovery, helping create jobs and foster innovation. A recent report by Deloitte projects the creation of 15 jobs for every \$1 million invested in mobile broadband. If we invested \$208 million in new wireless broadband networks, that could mean up to 3,100 new jobs in rural Wisconsin over the next 10 years.

Rural Americans need the ability to work from anywhere, not just from behind a desk. Wireless broadband is a necessary tool that allows businesses to stay connected to their employees and customers at all times. It can also improve our workforce's productivity and help our farmers track shipments and complete transactions without having to leave the fields.

Denying the choice of wireless broadband access at a time when people rely on mobile devices more than ever is shortsighted and could prove costly to businesses in our rural communities.

Visit www.wirelessbroadbandforall.com and let Congress know that high-speed wireless broadband is wanted in Iowa County as much as anywhere else. We simply cannot afford to be left behind.

Sincerely,
Daniel Nankee, Iowa Co. Supervisor

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October 12, 2011

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Brooke Weber
6082197128

Kim Kneifel
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September 30, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kim Kneifel
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Daniel Swinehart
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guy zima
920-432-8020

Rick Dorshorst
2810 Melissa Ct.
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Sincerely,

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September 14, 2011

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